

**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

09/862,433

Examiner

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**-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--**

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to May 15, 2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-14 and 16-26.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 23 May 2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
    1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
    3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.  
**THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
  6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
    - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached
      - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
    - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit  
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**DETAILED ACTION**

**EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Paul Kravetz on July 14, 2005.

The application has been amended as follows:

**In the claims:**

1. In claim 18, in line 9, change "...in said information providing server..." to "...in an information providing server..."
2. Please cancel claims 27 and 28.

***Allowable Subject Matter***

1. Claims 1-14 and 16-26 are allowed.

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2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The primary reasons for the allowance of the independent claims 1, 18, 22, 23, 25 and 26 are the inclusion of the following limitations that are not found in the prior art and they are uniquely distinct features. The closest prior arts are Durst, Jr. et al (6,542,933 B1), Downs et al (5,295,188). Durst discloses a system comprising a content server that stores and provides data to a client over a network. Durst also discloses that the client accesses the content server for different queries through an information server. Downs discloses a method for a secure electronic management of content data by storing the content data on a host computer in an encrypted form and providing the encrypted encryption key along with promotional data to a customer's system. However, these two arts fail to anticipate or render the following limitation:

"Claims 1, 23 and 25: a publishing-access-log obtaining function of obtaining the published information and a publishing date/time of the published information as a publishing-access-log when information is published in said information providing server over the communication network and published as the published information, and a publishing-access-log storing function of storing the publishing-access-log obtained by the publishing-access-log obtaining function."

"Claim 18: a publishing-access-log obtaining function of obtaining the published information and a publishing date/time of the published information as a publishing-

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access-log when information is published in an information providing server over the communication network and published as the published information, and a publishing-access-log storing function of storing the publishing-access-log obtained by the publishing-access-log obtaining function.”

“Claim 22: a publishing-access-log obtaining function of obtaining information transmitted to and published in an information providing server over a communication network and a publishing date/time of the information as a publishing-access-log; and a publishing-access-log storing function of storing the publishing-access-log obtained by the publishing-access-log obtaining function.”

“Claim 26: a remaining amount of time of the prepaid card corresponds to the number of times information is published in said information providing server.”

3. The dependent claims 2-14, 16, 17, 19-21 and 24 are allowed because they were originally found to include a unique feature not found in the closest abovementioned art.

4. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled “Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance.”

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5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Abdulhakim Nobahar whose telephone number is 571-272-3808. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8-5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gilberto Barron can be reached on 571-272-3799. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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